

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - FEBRUARY, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 30th September, 1961 - Metropolitan: Census of 30th June, 1961 -
Males - 377,618 Females - 363,801 Persons - 741,419 Persons - 420,133

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	JANUARY				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER			
	1962		1961		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	596	9.41	579	9.32	5,150	6.98	5,323	7.36
Births	1,516	23.94	1,422	22.89	17,078	23.16	16,926	23.41
Deaths	564	8.90	460	7.41	5,729	7.77	5,697	7.88
Infant Mortality (b)	36	23.75	25	17.58	336	19.67	366	21.62

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	3,711	4,895	27,215	32,341	16,806	17,497	90,844	101,729
Interstate	13,340	8,665	66,693	66,769	4,109	4,799	25,735	23,766
Total:	17,051	13,560	93,908	99,110	20,915	22,296	116,579	125,495

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	38,049	49,276	108,819	67,020
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	128,216	212,160	1,415,702	229,038

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	6,104,717	5,056,704	49,487,409	41,109,890
Revenue per Head of Population	8.2	6.9	66.6	56.5
Expenditure	5,580,019	5,205,637	49,740,584	46,265,140
Expenditure per Head of Population	7.5	7.1	67.0	63.6

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of FEBRUARY		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total Balances	86,693,872	79,882,802	76,093,264
Per Head of Population	115.7	109.1	105.8

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	September	October	November	December	January	February
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1962	-	-	-	-	25,932,347	26,487,438
1961	23,229,542	24,614,595	23,763,950	26,855,385	25,547,075	22,660,012
1960	22,713,665	23,826,722	23,976,291	25,473,597	21,434,932	22,047,689

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	1,771	1,656	13,830	15,518
	£.	4,152,019	3,239,154	26,090,793	27,456,499
Mortgages	No.	1,323	1,192	10,780	10,422
	£.	2,984,314	2,702,356	23,221,672	23,489,534
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,177	1,002	8,465	8,128

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Taxable Goods -				
Value of sales on which				
Tax is payable (net)	6,001,842	4,092,664	41,004,625	40,255,204
Tax is not payable (gross)	5,515,485	3,128,960	38,545,776	32,396,205
Sales of Exempt goods	11,830,004	13,021,122	95,090,448	100,874,774
Tax collected	911,153	635,412	6,038,508	6,525,857

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	18	18	237	279
Nominal Capital	£.	835,000	1,874,000	19,338,000	18,362,000
Foreign	No.	14	7	126	111

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eight Months ended FEBRUARY					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	97	197,858	72,425	80	202,233	68,368
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	63	392,734	298,185	49	193,329	130,515

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways including Railway Road Service

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings	£. 1,423,600	1,253,000	9,987,200	9,143,950
Operating Expenses	£. 1,294,607	1,217,253	9,221,123	9,063,153
Train Miles Run	No. 666,256	581,086	4,640,417	4,466,655
Motor Bus Miles	No. (a) 114,564	(b) 115,855	(c) 761,735	(d) 771,140
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No. 897,587	934,897	6,905,261	7,386,564
Motor Bus	No. 22,474	22,693	151,580	159,619
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	427,814	336,605	2,868,041	2,480,721
Livestock	8,809	8,301	83,379	95,836
Departmental (Free Freight)	64,859	50,431	349,356	304,979
Total:	501,482	395,337	3,300,776	2,881,536
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	66,175,764	49,544,099	438,062,476	383,620,215
Livestock	1,101,186	1,010,797	11,895,775	13,457,241
Departmental (Free Freight)	4,959,991	3,318,671	37,886,239	31,125,158
Total:	72,236,941	53,873,567	487,844,490	428,202,614

(a) Four weeks ended 30th December.

(b) Four weeks ended 31st December.

(c) Period 1st July to 30th December.

(d) Period 1st July to 31st December.

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1962	1961	1961	1960
Quantity	Fine oz. 69,687	68,436	870,658	869,966
Value (Aust. Currency)	£. 1,088,852	1,069,318	13,604,030	13,593,227
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£. -	16,800	2,185,783	2,131,784

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1961 -										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
1962 -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

PROJECTED BUILDING ACTIVITY
BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961:										
February	344	67	411	1,304	289	209	498	1,656	413	2,069
March	334	73	407	1,220	799	750	1,549	2,096	900	2,996
April	374	66	440	1,344	392	471	863	1,800	642	2,442
May	385	113	498	1,531	539	763	1,302	2,094	1,034	3,128
June	423	212	635	1,868	288	1,133	1,421	1,854	1,754	3,608
July	362	143	505	1,594	815	540	1,355	2,262	952	3,214
August	493	65	558	1,702	715	703	1,418	2,509	900	3,409
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
1962:										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929

BUILDING OPERATIONS

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1961 -										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132
Sept. Qr.	202	611	1,356	4,324	39	590	181	1,609	1,778	7,134
Dec. Qr.	374	994	1,367	4,692	23	396	246	3,117	2,010	9,199

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1961 -										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545
Sept. Qr.	1,094	3,798	5	16	333	892	79	65	1,511	4,771
Dec. Qr.	1,164	4,017	6	12	446	1,131	4	3	1,620	5,163

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961 (cont.):</u>			
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6
August	142.7	49.8	192.5	August	142.8	49.7	192.5
September	143.1	50.2	193.3	September	143.5	49.9	193.4
October	143.2	50.4	193.6	October	142.9	50.2	193.1
November	143.7	50.6	194.3	November	143.8	50.8	194.6
December	143.5	51.1	194.6	December	143.4	50.5	193.9
<u>1961:</u>				<u>1962:</u>			
January	142.7	50.0	192.7	January	144.2	50.3	194.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	241	242
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	
March	240	236	234	233	238	239	
April	239	234	233	233	237	239	
May	238	234	230	232	238	237	
June	235	231	228	229	237	234	
July	231	229	229	231	237	233	
August	230	229	229	232	239	236	
September	233	232	230	233	241	238	
October	233	232	232	234	241	239	
November	233	233	231	235	242	240	
December	232	232	231	235	240	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
30/10/61	14. 18. 9	11. 4. 1	14. 17. 3	11. 2. 11	14. 11. 6	10. 18. 8			

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
January, 1962	13,974	1,447	112,149	56,156	19,459
January, 1961	11,777	1,296	128,522	45,873	16,074
7 Months ended January, 1962	123,086	9,968	869,253	744,103	154,891
7 Months ended January, 1961	112,755	10,086	1,055,328	714,467	117,012

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
January, 1962	2,853	69	2,173	805	999
January, 1961	2,357	57	2,490	657	878
7 Months ended January, 1962	26,387	476	17,025	10,778	7,991
7 Months ended January, 1961	24,251	477	20,407	10,267	6,406

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
1962 -										
January	338	449	188	291	526	740	6	26	240	386

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961											1962	
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	-	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-
- Other	bush.	21. 1	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-	-	30. 0	20. 9
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	22.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30. 2	29.10
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0
Grapes	Open flat cases	23. 3	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	9.10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4
Cauliflowers	dozen	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0
Lettuce	crate	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5
Table Celery	doz. head	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3
Beetroot	cwt.	92. 8	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3
Carrots	cwt.	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0
Parsnips	cwt.	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	11. 7	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10
Swedes	cwt.	60. 5	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8
Peas	lb.	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	7	5	5	3	5	5	5	6	6	5	7	9	7
Pumpkin	bag	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961												1962	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
SHEEP														
Suckers	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0.11	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	
Heifers	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	
Cows	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	
Steers	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	50. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	
Bullocks	-	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	
PIGS														
Slips	4.16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	
Porkers	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	
Baconers	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	3. 8	3. 3	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-
" Cocks	-	3. 3	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-
Ducks	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2
Drakes	2. 6	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1
Geese	1. 7	1. 9	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 2	-	-	2. 8	-	-
Cockerels	2. 9	3. 1	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8
Capons	2.11	3. 2	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10
Hens	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1960 - February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July							Not yet available						(f)26,782
August							do.						(f)26,772
September							do.						(f)26,877
October							do.						(f)27,448
November							do.						(f)28,195
December							do.						(f)28,627

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	33.2	12.5	22.7	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.4	192.6	69.2
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
1961	8.6	3.3	5.5	4.4	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.7	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.7	16.5
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.7	15.9
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.4	3.3	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.8	16.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	181	245	2,796	3,001
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	5,141	5,056	55,135	62,241
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	96	94	756	895
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,548	2,064	15,415	16,602
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	25,857	22,454	223,040	225,597
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	243	291	1,972	2,515
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	13,810	10,942	114,379	112,572
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	654	271	4,593	6,923
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	341	266	4,565	6,071
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys	"	3,215	2,675	31,091	33,772
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	640	636	10,772	11,249
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,996	4,848	57,266	50,032
- Work	"	8,489	10,883	76,325	91,798
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	34,721	22,683	396,875	388,423
Slippers	"	4,364	4,327	63,414	69,867
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	1,014	882	3,600	3,279
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	56,057	43,580	198,617	159,182
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	536	474	4,560	4,303
Butter	"	824	783	13,919	13,427
Cheese	"	198	211	2,553	2,240
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	33	35	165	208
Sulphuric	"	21,005	19,763	116,535	123,137
Coal	"	44,204	647	538,071	473,867
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	97,435	86,200	644,680	607,587
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	92	101	844	868
Mattresses - Soft Filled(c)	number	1,698	2,343	15,107	18,590
Pig Iron	ton	4,315	4,382	30,201	31,096
Superphosphate	"	59,638	53,311	318,286	332,713
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,681	3,002	19,048	17,382

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattersses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge,
but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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